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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE HIGH LEVEL SHIFTS IN UNOG

REF: (A) LEWIS-CATTO TELECON OF SEPT. 21, 1976; (B) GENEVA 4125

(C) GENEVA 7181

1. THE MISSION HAS LEARNED TODAY THAT UNOG DIRECTOR GENERAL WINSPEARE HAS REPORTEDLY WRITTEN TO ASG GHERAB TO FORMALLY REQUEST THAT FRANCIS COOK (FRANCE) REPLACE THRODORE D'OULTREMENT OF BELGIUM AS UNOG CHIEF OF PROTOCOL (REF C).

2. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS BEGUN AND OBVIOUSLY OTHERS ARE AT WORK LIVING UP THEIR CANDIDATES FOR THE HIGH-LEVEL UNOG POSTS THAT ARE LIKELY TO OPEN BY THE END OF 1976 OR EARLY 1977 (REF B). THE PALAIS CONTINUES TO BE PLAGUED BY A LACK OF EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT AND STRONG LEADERSHIP. MISSION GENEVA ONCE AGAIN APPEALS TO THE DEPARTMENT TO COME FORTH WITH QUALIFIED CONEDATES FOR THE JOBS IN QUESTION AND PRESENT THEM TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR HIS CONSIDERATION.

3. IN VIEW OF PARA ONE ABOVE, IT IS PERHAPS TOO LATE TO PURSUE THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL SLOT, BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, WE SUGGEST THAT THE MORE POSITIONS INCLUDED AS PART OF OUR CONCERN, THE BETTER CHANCE WE WILL HAVE OF LANDING AT LEAST
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ONE OF THEM FOR A U.S. CANIDATE. WE ONCE AGAIN SUGGEST

THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL BE MADE AWARE OF OUR STRONG DESIRES TO PLACE AN AMERICAN IN UNOG AT A HIGH LEVEL. THE UNOG POSTS WHICH ARE THE OBJECT OF OUR CONCERN ARE:

A) DIRECTOR-GENERAL

B) ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL

C) CHIEF OF LIAISON AND PROTOCOL

D) CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES
SOME OF THE OPTIONS WHICH OCCUR TO US ARE:

A) BOB WEBB TO FILL EITHER THE ASSISTANT-DIRECTOR GENERAL POST OR THE CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES POST.

B) GEORGE SADDLER FOR THE CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCIAL SERVICES POST.

C) JOHN MOWINCKEL FOR THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL POST.

OF COURSE, OTHER POSSIBILITIES MAY OCCUR, BUT A FIRM COURSE OF ACTION REGARDING THE FILLING OF ONE OF THESE POSTS WITH A U.S. CANDIDATE NEEDS TO BE UNDERTAKEN NOW.

4. IT WOULD BE MOST ENCOURAGING AND HELPFUL IF THE DEPARTMENT COULD INSTRUCT USUN TO APPROACH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE CONCERNING U.S. INTEREST IN FILLING ONE OF THE TOP POSTS IN THE UN OFFICE GENEVA. CATTO

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